

# UMPIRES I HAVE KNOWN

William Pinneran, of the National League, who is better known as "Big Bill" because of his bulk, was born at Erie, N. Y., in 1878. When a boy he was mascot for the village team, and at the age of fifteen he played regularly in the outfield. Bill finally took up the task of pitcher, and for several years was a leading hurler in semi-professional circles, until he threw his arm out; then he held the indicator for several years for the semi-pros, finally going to the Empire State League, a class B organization that has long since fallen by the wayside.

In 1905 Pat Powers, president of the Eastern League, gave him a chance to show his ability, and well did he perform. He was retained on the staff for five years before he got the chance that all umpires anxiously wait for.

In 1910 President Pulliam needed a man to help out his National League staff and Bill was chosen. His first year in the National League was no bed of roses, and again in 1911 he aroused the ire of player Magee, of Philadelphia, so much that they had trouble that finally wound up in the suspension of Magee for sixty days. But through it all Bill plodded nobly on, and made the players and fans recognize his ability. He is a grand fellow to meet and know, and wherever you find a sort of consolation meeting of umpires you will always find Bill Pinneran the centre of attraction.

In his droll, dry old way he can spin off yarn after yarn. That calls to mind a story Bill told on himself at a sitting in the Arlington Hotel last summer. The Arlington Hotel is the stopping place for the majority of the umpires of three different leagues, namely the American, National and International, and when the teams representing the Brooklyn club, the New York Americans, the Jersey City International and the Newark, N. J. International League clubs are all at home there is always a consolation



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meeting held by the umpires at the Arlington.

At this particular meeting there were Pinneran and Eger, of the Nationals; O'Loughlin and the writer, of the American League; Guthrie, Bill Byron, Mullen and Tom Kelly, of the International. After listening to the tales of woe Bill broke in with his little story.

"Boys we all have our troubles up here in the big show as well as the boys in the minors, but I don't believe any of us except myself had to participate in rifle practice and then become the target as I had to. You see, it was while I was working in the Empire State League that this blowoff came. A brother umpire had been working in Oneida, N. Y., and as the home team had been losing regularly the crowd gave him a merry time, so the president sent me over there to take his place. As I got off the train I noticed the town folks sort of hung around the station so I picked

up my rifle and went to the little village hotel, where after a time I got into conversation with several of the home folks, and from their talk I could plainly see how my predecessor had fared. When it was game time, not caring to inform the crowd that I was an umpire, and not knowing what direction the ball park was, I simply fell in with the crowd and finally came to the lot, there to find a lot of the bleacher crowd indulging in what they called rifle practice, and insisted that I should participate.

"At a distance of some fifteen or twenty feet they had placed a board stuck in the ground on which was plainly printed 'U m p i r e', and at which they were all taking a shot. Right there it was my turn and I was handed a couple of nice old eggs, and not wanting to disclose my identity I took aim and fired away. So far so good, but when it came time for the game to start and I walked on the diamond I was greeted with a cheer, but at the sixth inning a close decision at the home plate against the home team was my undoing, and believe me, Westy, I never knew there were so many groovy pitchers in the world."

That story broke up the meeting, but simply goes to show with what some umpires have to contend. At the close of the 1912 season Bill sent in his resignation to President Lynch and accepted a berth with President Barrows, of the International League, for the coming season.

## FOUNES BEATEN BY B. W. CORKRAN

Pinehurst, N. C., March 8.—B. Warren Corkran, of the Bay Forest Country Club, to-day defeated William C. Founes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, former national golf champion, for the President's trophy in the ninth annual spring golf tournament here. In the thirty-six hole match Founes honored Corkran with a 5 up and 4 to play.

Other division winners were W. E. Wells, of Steubenville, O., in the second; W. H. Thayer, of Crown Point, N. J., in the third; J. G. Nicholson, of Bedford, Mass., in the fourth; H. H. Brown, of Salem, Mass., in the fifth; Jonathan Barclay, of Greensburg, Pa., in the sixth; P. B. O'Brien, of Detroit, in the seventh; Charles Fletcher, of Bellevue, in the eighth; B. M. Vaughan, of Lexington, in the ninth; and Robert Foote, of New Haven, Conn., in the tenth.

## DALLAS GIANTS LOSE TO MCGRAW

Dallas, Texas, March 8.—With "Matty" pitching in midseason form and the Giants running wild on the bases, McGraw's contingent had but little difficulty in defeating the Dallas Giants to-day, in the first real game of the year. To make the victory absolute, however, the Giants kept it at until a score of 7 to 0 was tallied, and then called it a day.

Only one run hit was garnered off Big Six in the half-dozen innings he faced the Dallas team. Witte duplicated his renowned partner's feat, holding the opposing batters to a lone two-bagger.

Little Josh Devore furnished the nearest thing to a feature, when he walked in the first inning, and then stole the remaining bags to the plate. Dallas played a good defensive game, but were seemingly awed by the reputation of the opposing twirlers. Only one of their players got past first, and he died at the third station.

In spite of the threatening weather a crowd of 3,000 fans gathered to see the initial contest between the home team and the noted visitors.

## TAMPA SWAMPED BY CUBS' OUTFIT

Tampa, Fla., March 8.—For two innings to-day the Tampa Perfectos had the Cub Yankigans nonplussed. The Yans could do nothing with the offerings of Bill W. White, a semi-pro pitcher. After that there were several land slides, and the Yankigans walked away with the game, 16 to 1. The Tampa team was weakened by the recent loss of fire of its Cuban members, who have gathered at something and walked out in a body, making it necessary to put in a bunch of subs.

Sutcliffe and Toney did the slab work for the Yankigans, and were not forced to raise any perspiration.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Cubs ..... 7 0 0 6 2 0 1 ..... 16 15 4 Tampa ..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 ..... 1 2 3 Batteries: Sutcliffe, Toney and Cotter and Needham; Wheeler and Rive.

## New League Formed.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 8.—The Federal Baseball League was incorporated and organized here to-day. It will take the place of the United States League, which failed to finish last season, and the circuit is expected to include the following clubs: St. Louis, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland and Indianapolis. Cincinnati also seeks a berth in the new league.

John T. Powers, of Chicago, was elected president. Each club will be required to post a forfeit of \$5,000 before the opening of the season, which is scheduled to take place between May 10 and 15.

## Organize Baseball Commission.

Lynchburg, Va., March 8.—The amateur baseball players of Lynchburg last night organized an amateur association providing for a commission of five men to regulate the game here next season. The commission will be composed of E. W. Whitaker, W. A. Ford, Dr. James Morrison, R. C. Blackford and J. D. Owen, all of whom are prominent business and professional men of the city. Three or four amateur leagues are expected to play under the jurisdiction of the commission.

## Colts Defeat Spiders.

The Colts defeated the Spiders on the thirty-second street diamond yesterday by the score of 7 to 6. The features of the game were the slugout of Sloan, who struck out fifteen of the Colts, and the batting of Sloan, Lela and Wilson, of the Colts.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Colts ..... 0 0 0 8 1 0 2 ..... 7 9 3 Spiders ..... 2 0 0 0 1 0 1 ..... 6 8 1 Batteries: Sloan, Lela and Wilson, of the Colts; Dan and Mills and Johnson for the Spiders.

## TRINITY'S TRACK TEAM PROMISING

Large Number of Men Report Daily for Practice—Several Meets Planned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., March 8.—Prospects for a fine track team at Trinity this year are very encouraging at the present time. Each afternoon scores of men are out in the field running and trying to get themselves in shape for the final meet which will be held on the campus during the afternoon of Monday, March 17.

The movement for a track team that started two years ago, and which has been steadily gathering headway every year, is still continuing to grow. Last year it was remembered, the Trinity team participated in the meet at Raleigh with disastrous results, and it will be entered again this year. The organization in Raleigh, which financed the meet last year, was unwilling to back the project again this year, but contracts are being prepared by which the participating colleges will bind themselves to pay their proportionate share of the deficit should there be one. This action assures the holding of another meet to be held some time during the early spring.

Trinity's varsity team is to be picked from the men who enter the various events in the classified day meet. The date for this annual affair has just been set for March 17, as was mentioned above, and unless something unforeseen arises, will be held just as scheduled. The cup given by the "Toms," one of the secret organizations of the college, for the winning class, was offered with the provision that any class that won it for three successive years would win it as a permanent possession. The cup has already been won twice by the class of 1914, and if that class wins again this year, the trophy will be the permanent possession of the class, in view of this fact all the classes of the college are putting forth their strongest efforts to see that the juniors fall in their effort to this year to capture the coveted prize.

The varsity manager and captain are bending every effort to get the men on the field to practice so that there may be a large number of men from which to pick the varsity aggregation. Manager Ratcliffe announces that he has arranged a meet with Wake Forest to be held at Wake Forest before the State meet comes off in Raleigh. No definite date for this meet has yet been chosen, but there is no doubt about the affair being held. It will be the first track meet with Wake Forest that Trinity has held in many years, and the rivalry will be the greatest of 1914, and if that class wins recently lost a series of two basketball games to Trinity, and the Baptists are very anxious to atone for their shortcomings and to "get even."

A list of events to be held in the varsity meet here on March 17, will be arranged by Professor E. N. Wilson, Captain Lucas and Manager Ratcliffe, when they meet with the captains of the class teams, and this will be given out as soon as it is ready. The entries will be made during the week, and the full list given out for publication during the next ten days.

## Syracuse Gets Game.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 8.—The Wesleyan basketball quintet succumbed under the rapid passing and shooting of the Syracuse quintet here to-night. The final score was 19 to 10. The Orange led from the start. The game was the fastest ever played here.



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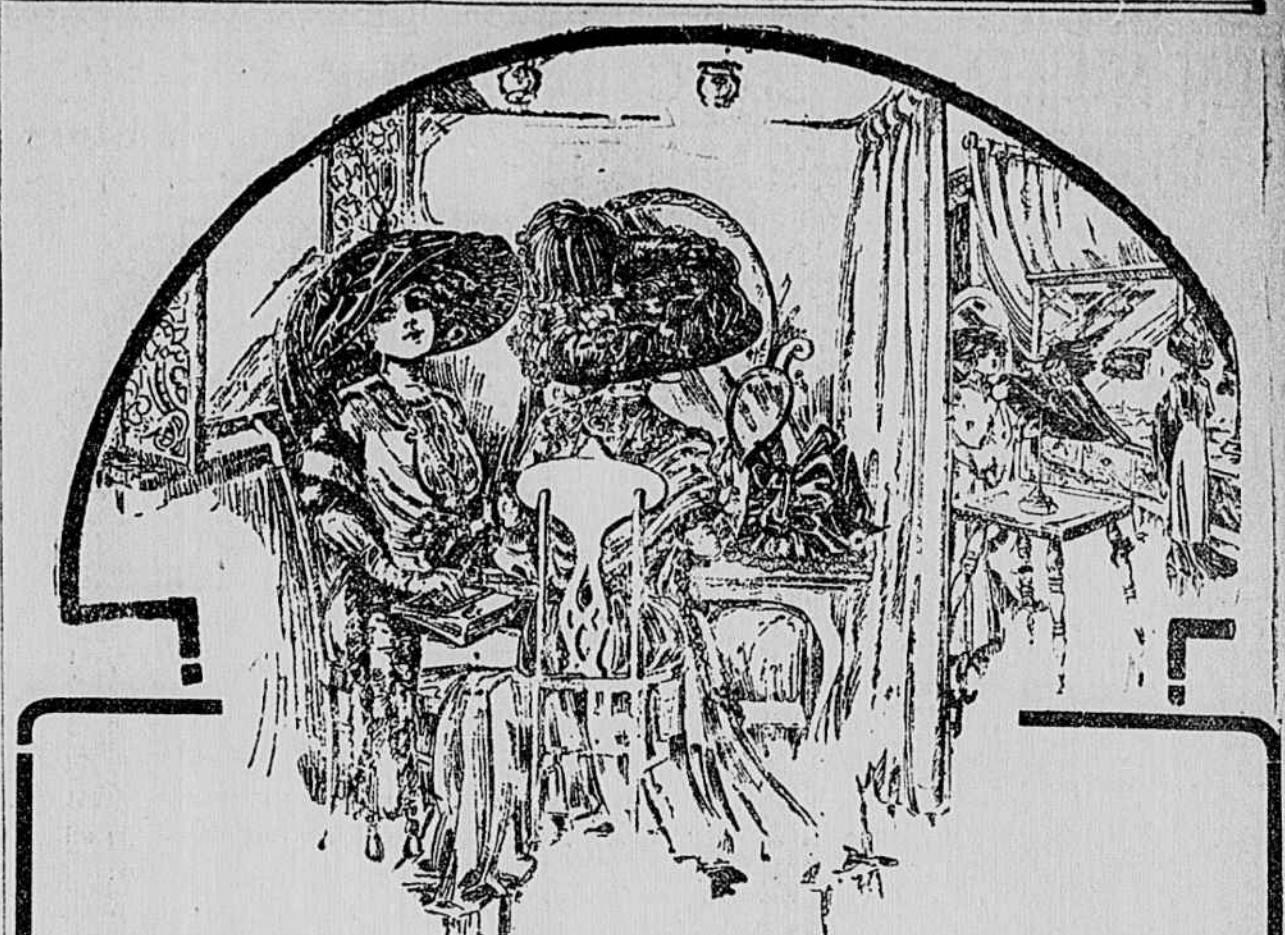
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All lovers of horse and hound, who have attended the hunts at the Country Club this season, agree that this hunt yesterday afternoon was superior to any in the history of the club. Saturday afternoons are looked forward to with pleasure by sportsmen and sportswomen who appreciate this pastime, especially at this season of the year, when golf and tennis are not at their best.

The course was most attractive as it lay through the lowlands of Grantland's, Nolting's and Davis's, back to the club. Several automobile parties viewed the hunt from the heights above the river as it wound its way over ditches and fences. Some of those riding were: W. O. Young, Fred S. Campbell, J. C. Beattie, Jr., Haskin Buford, Miss Fannie Crenshaw, Miss Warfield Crenshaw, John A. Branch, E. B. Sydnor, E. D. Harris, Huntsman Thornton.

## PITCHER HENLEY SERIOUSLY ILL

Dallas, March 8.—Pitcher Tom Henley, a recruit who showed much promise in his early workout with the Giants here, is fighting for his life to-night in Marlin with only a slight chance to recover from an operation for appendicitis, which was performed this afternoon.

Manager McGraw to-night received a telegram from Wilbert Robinson stating that the doctors practically had given up hope of saving Henley's life, and that his parents, who live in Marietta, Ohio, had been notified of his condition. Henley has not rallied from the operation which was performed by Dr. Almyer, a Waco specialist. Henley has been ailing for ten days. Local physicians at first diagnosed his case as appendicitis, but later treated him for promoting poisoning. Last Tuesday Henley was able to come down to his meals and seemed to be better. He suffered a relapse the same night and has since been seriously ill. This morning his condition became alarming, and the specialist was summoned. His examination disclosed the fact that acute appendicitis had set in and that the only chance to save his life was by operating immediately. The operation revealed a gangrenous condition of the appendix and complications of intestinal trouble. Physicians remained with him to-night and say if he can survive the shock he has a fighting chance. Henley is a right hander, six feet tall, about twenty-three years old and unmarried. He was a member of the Newark team of the Ohio State League last season.

## Navy Gets First Blood.

Annapolis, Md., March 8.—In one of the preliminary matches of the tournament of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, the finals of which will take place in New York

on March 21, 22 and 23, the Naval Academy men won this afternoon from the representatives of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh, scoring fourteen points to Pennsylvania's thirteen, while Pittsburgh did not win a bout. All three will, however, be represented in the finals as the match to-day was to have included Princeton, and that one team was to be eliminated.

## Boston Nationals to Rest.

Athens, Ga., March 8.—The Boston Nationals League squad finished its first week of training to-day with one long morning session under a warm sun. To-morrow will be a day of rest. On Monday the boys will start a week of real hard work. The training has progressed favorably, and the management has nothing to complain of as regards the condition of the players. On Monday Manager Stahl will take his well-earned vacation and begin his task of whipping them into a real ball team.

## Red Sox Show Form.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 8.—Graced by the prettiest sort of a spring day, weather of the brand that Boston enjoys in mid-summer, Manager Stahl gave his batteries their daily workout at Majestic Park this

afternoon. The athletes hit the green shortly before 10:30 o'clock, and worked until practically 2 o'clock. The practice was unusually spirited. The regulars arrive to-morrow. Starting Monday, Stahl said, he would give about two workouts daily, providing the weather remains bright and balmy.

## Tennis at Country Club.

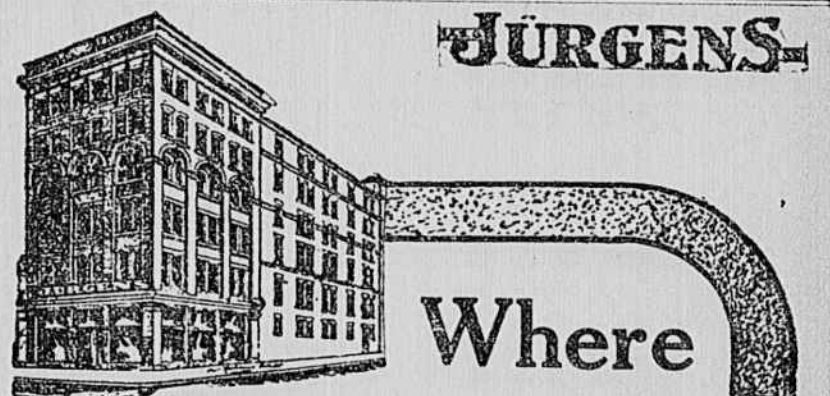
Tennis began at the Country Club at Virginia yesterday, when a number of enthusiasts occupied the courts. Four new courts have been laid out, making twelve in all, and a prosperous season is expected by those in charge.

## Crickets Win Game.

The Crickets won the basketball game at the Y. W. C. A. last night. The game was fast and clean throughout, few fouls being called. The Crickets put up a stout resistance, and the result was in doubt until the finish.

## Tigers Win Meet.

Princeton, N. J., March 8.—A margin of one and one-third points, which came in the last event, gave the Tiger gymnasts a victory over the Pennsylvania performers in their dual meet here this afternoon. The final score being 27.2-26.1.



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